GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:127
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
UPGRADATION OF KOODAL NAGAR RAILWAY STATION
MOHAN PONNUSWAMY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the repeated demands to upgrade the Koodal Nagar railwaystation under Madurai Division as a major terminus like that of Nizammuddin railway station. Delhi Division; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fulfil the demands ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127 FOR 24.2.2000 ASKED BY SHRI REGARDING UPGRADATION OF KOODAL NAGAR RAILWAY STATION.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Potential of Madurai Junction Station has not yetbeen fully developed or exploited. With extensive gauge conversion of meter gauge system of Southern Railway, vast space occupied by a major MG loco shed has been released. Broad gauge coaching terminal facilities are being developed in the space. With Madurai-Rameshwaram section also getting converted, additional BG platforms are planned for Madurai. When these planned works are completed, Madurai Junction will be able to handle additional through and terminating passenger services also. Hence, there is no need at present for a second coaching terminal for Madurai at Koddal Nagar.

Koddal Nagar is already developed as a goods terminal of Madurai. Recently CONCOR has also started operating fromthis goods terminal. As and when volume of traffic warrants, additional facilities will be developed at Koodal Nagar.